

High school sports action

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Soccer

Conference co-leaders Lakenheath Red, 5-0-0, and London Central, 5-0-1, met for the first time May 7.

The London Central Bobcats tied Lakenheath Blue early in the season. But the Red Lancers weren't about to settle for a tie.

Red soundly thrashed the Bobcats 5-2. The Blue Lancers enthusiastically supported Red and motivated the good turnout of faculty, students, alumni and parents.

In the first half of the rematch Wednesday, the Bobcats scored first to take the lead 1-0. Brendan Kinne scored for the Red Lancers eight minutes later and then had an assist to Mark Howder to give the Lancers a 2-1 lead at halftime.

The Lancers scored three quick goals early in the second half and the game was out of reach for the Bobcats. By the end of the game, Jerry Russell scored, and Howder and Kinne had two goals apiece. Russell was Red's "secret weapon" with his ability to reach the goal area from the sideline on throw-ins.

Assists went to Ray Arliss, Kinne, Russell, Jim Isakson, and Dan Musselman. Almost everyone on Red was able to play. Especially notable was Howder's roundoff to a backflip after his second goal. The Bobcats scored late in the second half on a penalty kick when Red was called for a handball in the penalty area.

The Red Lancers are now the Conference leaders.

Saturday, the Red Lancers traveled to the Dragon's lair for their match against Alconbury. Mother Nature made the Lancers quest to best the Dragons an epic of heroic proportion as she showered both teams with stiff wind and tumultuous rain.

Howder led the 6-0 onslaught of the Dragons with a hat trick. Other goals were scored by Arliss, Danny Beacan and Lee Watson. Jerry Russell had three assists, while Musselman and Jim Isakson

had one assist each.

But the Dragons were scrappy and made the going difficult for the Lancers. The sportsmanship in the game between the Dragons and Lancers was terrific and the teams showed mutual respect.

The Red Lancers junior varsity played the Dragons junior varsity in worse weather following the varsity game. The Red team came out victorious 2-0. The scores came from Corey Hood and James Johnson. Dane Barrett had an awesome cross, which went over the defensive line to Hood who half-volleyed the ball into the upper left corner of the goal. Josh Trock weaved through the defense like they weren't even there, then gave the ball up to Johnson who put the ball into the back of the net with ease.

Track

The Lancers won the track meet sponsored by London Central at Oxford but all the statistics weren't available as the Bobcats tried to work a new computer program.

In last week's track meet, the Lancers competed in the snow.

The girls team dominated the field events. Sherina Florence captured first place finishes in long jump, triple jump and high jump. The European champ and United Kingdom most valuable player in field events, Lisa Webb returned to form and took first place in discus and shot put. Webb is close to breaking her school record in discus. Catlin Donlon and Valerie Clinger finished strong in the throwing events. Danelle Green has the second fastest time in Europe in the 100-meter run and is close to breaking the school record. Hot on her heels was Kanisha Hunter who took second and has the fifth fastest time in Europe this year.

The guys finished first, second and third in the 100-meter run. Chris Mazowski posted the fastest time in Europe and Delonte Deeton has the second fastest time. Adam Steele has Europe's sixth fastest time. The 400-meter relay team of Deeton, Chris "Smokey" Hale, Brandon Green and Mazowski finished first.

Pole vault was a challenge with

the bar and standards blowing and swaying during each vault, but Brad Wolf "rose" to the occasion to take first place. Wolf also finished second and third in the low and high hurdles respectively, and third in the long jump. In the men's field events, Vince Barnes dominated with first place finishes in shot and discus.

Softball

The Lancers softball season is in full swing and the schedule has been relentless. The girls Blue Lancers handily defeated the Alconbury Dragons two times, 15-6 and 16-5. Kristin Guliano had 14 strikeouts, and Amy Jacobs topped it off with a home run.

The Blue Lancers fortunes turned sour, however, against the Red Lancers. Red won a couple of

close games, 15-11 and 10-9.

In a battle of the pitchers, Blue walked Red 13 times in each game. Red Lancer pitcher Danielle Gray walked five (two intentionally) in the first game and only one in the second game. Ginny Mudge pounded a three-run homer in the first inning of the first game to pierce the Blue balloon. Carrie Coley had three hits in the first game for Red and Catherine and Mary Christopher had two hits apiece. Stacy Cason, Jamie Doyle and Gray also had hits for Red.

In the second game, Red Lancer Carina Duhadway's three-base hit was the highlight on offense.

"Everyone played a part in Saturday's victories," said John Leveille, Red Lancer Coach. "Well done, Red! But don't count Blue out yet. They're tough and determined!"



Photo by TSgt. Sam Shore

Where'd he go?

Rollerbury's Chad Sandquist vaults over Brandon's Jeremy Kitzhaber while he goes for the out during Saturday's British-American softball tournament on Field 4. The teams played in honor of Air Force Fitness month. Other fitness month events include a biathlon Saturday and a five-kilometer fitness run May 24. For more information about fitness month events, call the fitness and sports center at Ext. 3607.